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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Masayoshi Shichiri et al. Confirmation 5652

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For: NOVEL USE OF ANSAMYCIN ANTIBIOTICS AND METHOD OF

SCREENING NOVEL ANGIOGENESIS INHIBITOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2008 in which claims 1-23 were subjected to restriction. The applicants elect to prosecute **Group II** (*i.e.*, claims 1-8 and 12-22 drawn to an angiogenesis inhibitor containing an ansamycin antibiotic or a pharmacologically acceptable derivative thereof as an active ingredient). With respect to the species election, the applicants elect **rifampicin** as the form of ansamycin antibiotic, and a **malignant tumor** species as the form of angiogenesis. Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, <u>July 28, 2008</u> without additional extension fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.